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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF RHESUS MONKEYS FROM NEPAL

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1. MR. J. WYILE HARRIS, JR. OF JUNGLE IMPORTS, INC.,
2027 BANK OF S.W. BLDG., HOUSTON, TX 77002 VISITED THE
EMBASSY SCICOUNS JUNE 23. HE INFORMED SCICOUNS THAT
WHILE IN NEPAL HE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH KING BIRENDRA'S
BROTHER, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF WILDLIFE BOARD,
AND WITH THE MINISTER FOR WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPORTING RHESUS MONKEYS FROM NEPAL
TO THE US. HARRIS CLAIMS THAT THE NEPALISE OFFICIALS
WERE QUITE RECEPTIVE TO THE EXPORT OF MONEKYS BUT
DEMANDED A PRICE THAT HAD BEEN OFFERED BY THE MOL
ENTERPRISES IN INDIA. HARRIS POINTED OUT TO THE
NEPALESE OFFICIALS THAT THE PRICE OFFERED BY MOL IS NOT
REALISTIC NOR PRACTICAL FOR A SUSTAINED AND
VIABLE BUSINESS. HOWEVER, HE CHOSE NOT TO PURSUE
THE MATTER FURTHER UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A DICISION ON
HIS REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO EXPORT BIRDS
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TO THE US IS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL (GON).

2. THE SCICOUNS PROVIDED HARRIS WITH SOME BACKGROUND
INFORMATION ON THE GOI BAN ON MONKEY EXPORT AND AN
ARTICLE ABOUT MOL THAT RECENTLY APPEARED IN THE SUN
WEEKLY OF DELHI. HARRIS AND HIS WIFE WERE SCHEDULED
TO LEAVE FOR DACCA ON JUNE 26. THIS WILL ALSO GIVE HIM

A CHANCE TO CHECK WITH A FEW PERSONAL CONTACTS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH ABOUT THE OPERATION OF MOL ENTERPRISES IN THAT COUNTRY.

3. HARRIS BELIEVES THAT IF HE WERE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THE PRICE AND CONTRACT FOR THE MONKEY EXPORT WITH THE GON, HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO EXPORT ABOUT 10,000 MONEKYS ANNUALLY. HE IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY HIS BIRD CATCHERS THAT RHESUS ARE IN SUCH ABUNDANCE IN THE NEPAL JUNGLES THAT THE EXPORT OF 10,000 YEARLY IS SUSTQINABLE. WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT HARRIS HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED CONTACTS WITH MONKEY TRAPPERS WHOSE SERVICES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ISPENSED WITH BY TWO INDIAM FIRMS.

4. HARRIS INFORMED THE SCICOUNS THAT HE HAS OBTAINED A PERMIT TO EXPORT 10,000 MYNAH BIRDS FROM INDIA TO US. HE INTENDS TO TALK WITH INDIAN AUTHORITIES ABOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR LIMITED EXPORT OF RHESUS MONKEYS FOR BREEDING PURPOSES IN THE US.

5. THE VITA PVT. LTD., ONE OF THE TWO INDIAN EXPORTERS MADE AN OFFER TO THE GON TO EXPORT THEIR MONKEYS. THE GON, WE UNDERSTAND, DECINED THE OFFER.
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